Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, John Moisan of Fort Pierre, South Dakota, has reached the milestone of 60 years of age; and,

Whereas, John is a faithful husband to his wife, Sylvia, and father to his children, Margaret, Melissa, Jennifer, James and John. He is easing into his role as grandfather with the grace and dignity that all around him know and respect; and,

Whereas, John has been a constant in his children's lives, driving to countless gymnastic and wrestling meets, football and basketball games, taking them hunting and fishing and encouraging their participation in church; and,

Whereas, John is a renowned wildlife artist who was named South Dakota Artist of the Year in 1995. He has an appreciation for wildlife and Mother Nature, which is evident in every canvas he paints; and,

Whereas, Over the course of nearly 33 years, John has served as a loyal and dedicated employee of the state of South Dakota exhibiting leadership skills of the highest caliber working on special projects for four governors; and,

Whereas, Since 1987, John has been the Artist Laureate of the current colored rendition of the South Dakota State Seal as set forth in state law, and in 1989, he coordinated the restoration of the South Dakota State Capitol in preparation for South Dakota's centennial celebration; and,

Whereas, John coordinated the selection and construction of the Fighting Stallions Memorial to honor Governor Mickelson and seven others who perished in a plane crash while on an economic development mission for the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, John served as chairman for the South Dakota World War II Memorial Dedication, the South Dakota Korean War Memorial Dedication and the South Dakota Vietnam War Memorial Dedication – an event which will likely never be matched for the pageantry, the honor, the comfort and the closure it has provided to thousands of Vietnam Veterans; and,

Whereas, John's service to the state continues to this day with his participation on the inaugural committee, his leadership on the State Facilities Planning Team and the South Dakota State Quarter project; and,

Whereas, John will observe his 60th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man he can call his good friend:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2006, as

JOHN MOISAN DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State